In the Beginning... The Women's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association The 1920's

June 12, 2022 marks the Centennial Celebration of the AMA Alliance. Our roots are firmly established in the soil of Texas. In fact, county auxiliaries and then the Texas State Auxiliary was first formed between 1917 and 1918. These ventures proved so successful that four years later, in 1922, as Mrs. Samuel Clark Red of Houston was completing her term as state president, she conceived the idea of taking the auxiliary to the national level. And so, a resolution for a national auxiliary was presented to, and approved by, the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association that met that year in St. Louis, Missouri.

- 1922: The AMA House of Delegates approves the organization of a woman's auxiliary; 24 women from 11 states attend the organizational meeting, at which Mrs. Samuel Clark Red, Texas, becomes first president.
- 1923: 60 women from 17 states attend annual meeting; dues set at \$5 per state.
- 1924: \$60 in treasury; committees are constitution, nominations, policies, education, finance, legislation, and entertainment.
- 1925: At AMA's request, Hygeia (AMA's scientific medical magazine for the public) promotion becomes a main focus; 25¢ dues adopted; national chairman of organization appointed, with four regional vice presidents as her committee; publicity committee appointed.
- 1926: Membership reaches 4,000 in 19 organized states; AMA warns against involvement in legislation; legislation committee becomes public relations.
- 1927: First Bulletin printed; membership is 6,000; first AMA Liaison Committee appointed; Mrs. John O. McReynolds, Texas, becomes first auxiliary president to speak to AMA House of Delegates.
- 1928: Mrs. McReynolds receives first past president's pin; Bulletin is discontinued due to finances; auxiliary programs now included in AMA Bulletin.
- 1929: 13,000 members in 37 states; first budget and seal are adopted; Study Program Envelopes on health topics issued to counties.



American Medical Association Alliance 100 Years

- The place is St. Louis, MO
- The date, Wednesday, May 24, 1922
- The meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association
- Dr. Edward H. Cary, of Dallas, Texas, requests the floor and presents the following resolution prepared by the Woman's Auxiliary to the State Medical Association of Texas, of which Mrs. Samuel Clark Red of Houston is president:



Palm House at the Missouri Botanical Gardens

Resolution Establishing a Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association

The Woman's Auxiliary to the State Medical Association of Texas respectfully requests the approval of the American Medical Association to organize a Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, the object of which shall be, "To extend the aims of the medical profession through the wives of doctors to the various women's organizations which look to the advancement in health and education, to assist in entertaining at all medical conventions and to promote acquaintanceship among doctors' families so that closer fellowship may exist."

* The AMAA was formed only 2 years after women had the right to vote.

Past National Presidents The 1920's



1922-25 Mrs. Samuel Clark Red



1925-26 Mrs. Seale Harris



1926-27 Mrs. Franklin C. Gengenbach

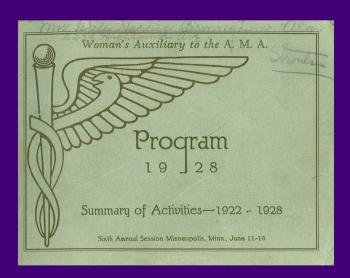


1927-28 Mrs. John O. McReynolds



1928-29 Mrs. George H. Hoxie

1928 WAAMA Program Booklet



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, A. M. A.

SUMMARY

FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

After conferring with the Secretary we agreed that the other Auxiliary members would be interested in the growth of the organization, so we decided to prepare for this meeting a summary of all the years of its existence.

We must remember that the most trying age is from infancy to the growing child—and we have now just finished our kindergarten course. Many things therefore must be overlooked. We had hoped to have a complete report for 1928. Letters were written, questionnaires sent, requests by airmail, messages by wire and calls on the telephone from both the President and Secretary, but all reports could not be prepared in time, so your President decided to write a condensed report like the others, and publish the Secretary's report, which was already prepared, and the Treasurer's, which had been sent a few months before.

The publishers have promised to have the type set for the complete reports to be added and mailed out shortly after our meeting, without expense to us. Those who have failed to send in their reports before, will see the importance of giving prompt response to calls from the President and Secretary. It will make the work easier, expense lighter, and not retard the execution of the program outlined.

In this summary only facts pertaining to the growth and development of our work were taken from the minutes as reported each year.

Beginning with only a few paragraphs the first year, observe how the space has been doubled and trebled in recording only a few of the most important events.

Our opportunities for service are still unlimited and we are the growing child that must be trained in the right direction. Therefore, I urge each County Auxiliary have an Advisory Council appointed from the County Medical Society and each State Auxiliary and Advisory Council of five, appointed by the State Medical Association, similar to the same Advisory Council of five appointed for the National Auxiliary by the Board of Trustees of the A. M. A.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, A. M. A.

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

San Francisco, California, June 27, 1923, Fairmount Hotel

Program: Call to order, Mrs. S. C. Red, President; Lord's Prayer; Minutes, Mrs. H. L. D. Kirkham;
Offserr's Reports: President's, Mrs. S. C. Red; Treasurer's (read by Secretary); Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Wood.
Committee Reports: Constitution, Mrs. A. C. Scott; Policies, Mrs. John O. McReynolds; Nomination, Mrs. H. A. Smith, Delta, Colo.
Addresses by Dr. John O. McReynolds, Dr. Southpast Leigh, Dr. Seale Harris.
President reported that presidents of every State Medical Association had been notified of the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary and of the 48 letters written on the received Haverble replies from 18 States: Maine, Vermont, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabana, Mississippi, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Tennesse, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Idaho and Minnestot.
The Secretary protred 225 letters written and the interest shown by many and lilinois. County Auxiliaries were being organized and better acquaintance among physicians' wives fostered at the Medical Association meetings.

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A book for records and a gavel made of oleander wood was presented to the Auxiliary by Mrs. W. A. Wood of Texas.

Vice Presidents were assigned twelve States each for organization.

The speakers heartily endorsed and encouraged this forward-looking movement among physicians' wives of the A. M. A.

Dr. McKeynolds inspired the thought that the Auxiliary was laying the foundation for a far-reaching movement, but must not expect to accomplish all of its plans in a day. Dr. Harris stressed well-planned health programs.

Dr. Leigh stressed the opportunity and responsibility of the wives to uphold and make known the ideals of the medical profession.

Mrs. Jac. O. McReynolds, Chairman of Policies, recommended: [1st] That we stitute in a definite purpose and constructive program; 2nd) That we shall congunization with these an Auxiliary to the A. M. A. standing back of the medical organization with these an Auxiliary to the A. M. A. standing back of the medical organization with these an Auxiliary to the A. M. A., standing back of the medical organization with these and Auxiliary to the A. M. A., standing back of the medical organization with the present of the organization with the out-object of the control of the program of the present of the control of the program of the present of the control of the program as outlined by Mrs. C. A. Thigpen of Birmingham, Ala, was The report of Nominating Committee was unantimously adopted.

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